

HB 1461-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that taking legal action against a manufactured/mobile home community landlord for violations of the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act can be a costly and lengthy process, and that many people cannot afford to pursue a court process to vindicate statutory rights. Manufactured/mobile home community landlords will also benefit by having access to a process that resolves disputes quickly and efficiently.

Declares an intent to provide an equitable as well as a less costly and more efficient way for manufactured/mobile home tenants and manufactured/mobile home community landlords to resolve disputes, and to provide a mechanism for state authorities to quickly locate manufactured/mobile home community landlords.

Declares an intent to authorize the department of licensing to register manufactured/mobile home communities and collect a registration fee.

Declares an intent to authorize the attorney general to:
(1) Produce and distribute educational materials regarding the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home dispute resolution program created in this act;

(2) Administer the dispute resolution program by taking complaints, conducting investigations, making determinations, issuing fines and other penalties, and participating in administrative dispute resolutions, when necessary, when there are alleged violations of the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act; and

(3) Collect and annually report upon data related to disputes and violations, and make recommendations on modifying chapter 59.20 RCW, to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

Requires the department to annually register all manufactured/mobile home communities. Each community must be registered separately. The department must deliver by mail registration notifications to all known manufactured/mobile home community landlords. Registration information packets must include: (1) Registration forms; and

(2) Registration assessment information, including registration due dates and late fees, and the collections procedures, liens, and charging costs to tenants.

VETO MESSAGE ON E2SHB 1461

May 11, 2007

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,

The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval as to Section 10, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1461 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to manufactured/mobile home community registrations and dispute resolution."

Both Section 10 of this bill and Section 9 of Substitute House Bill 2118 amend RCW 59.22.250, concerning the Office of Mobile Home Affairs, located within the Department of Community Trade & Economic Development. The amendments in separate bills may lead to confusion with legislative intent.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 10 of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1461.

With the exception of Section 10, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1461 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor